

CITY OF RENO
DOWNTOWN ALCOHOL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
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Cmdr. McPartland said before he started the meeting he would like to go around the room and have the members introduce themselves and talk about why they had volunteered to be on this committee.

I. ROLL CALL

Cmdr. McPartland called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He then asked the secretary to take the roll call.

Present: Committee Members; Darrell Clifton, David Silverman, Kevin McGehee, Charles Shapiro, Lloyd Wilson, James Ferguson, Roberta Ross, and James Brown
Alternates: Sharon Cox, Brian Egan, Susan Fisher, and Remi Jourdan

Also Present: Cmdr. Doug McPartland, Lt. Bill Rulla, Deputy City Attorney Matt Jensen, Boyd Cox, Trey with the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, and Leah with the Retail Assoc. of Nevada.

Absent: Mike Thomas

Cmdr. McPartland asked Lt. Rulla to introduce himself to the members and explain how he was involved in this committee.

Cmdr. McPartland then talked briefly about the reason this committee had been formed and explained that they, the Police, would be present to answer any questions and provide the committee with any information needed.

NOTE:

Cmdr. McPartland took item VI. New Business #1 out of order and said before moving forward today the first order of business would be for the committee to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He then reminded everyone that the alternates were not voting members unless their primary member was absent. He asked who would be interested in the Chairman position.

Ms. Ross said she was interested in the position because she was fair, was a resident of downtown, and sat on multiple boards that had a vested interest in what happened in the downtown area.

Mr. Clifton said he was interested because he would not be biased and would run the committee as opposed to making decisions for the committee.

Mr. Ferguson nominated Ms. Ross for Chairman. Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Clifton for Chairman. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion.

Cmdr. McPartland asked for all that were in favor for Ms. Ross to raise their hands. Six members were in favor. He asked for all that were in favor for Mr. Clifton to raise their hands. Two members were in favor. Ms. Ross is the Chairman for this committee.

Cmdr. McPartland turned the meeting over to Ms. Ross.

Ms. Ross said she would now take nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Ferguson nominated Mr. Clifton. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Ms. Ross asked for all that were in favor for Mr. Clifton to raise their hands. It was unanimous. Mr. Clifton is the Vice-Chairman for the committee.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM (Not available for this meeting).

There were no previous minutes to approve.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Ms. Fisher said she had a question about the Bylaw under G1. Ms. Ross told her it would be discussed when they reached that item on the agenda.

IV. MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS*

A. Chairman Report

Ms. Ross had nothing to report today.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and potential direction regarding the nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Item taken out of order and voted on at the beginning of this meeting.

2. Consideration and recommendation to City Council for adoption of Bylaws.

- The committee and Mr. Jensen discussed G1 of the Bylaws about how an alternate may vote, either independently or as the primary member would have voted. Mr. Jensen suggested they may want to work that aspect out with their primary member. He then explained that there were demographic categories for each of the primary and alternate members.

Ms. Ross suggested to Mr. Clifton that since they did not have an alternate for their category that at the next Police Special Assessment District meeting they chose an alternate and then submit that person's name to council for approval. This will be added to next month's agenda.

Ms Ross then asked if they could have a map of the downtown area by their next meeting so they could see the exact areas they were discussing and asked that this be added to the Agenda.

- Cmdr McPartland said he felt that E2 of the Bylaws about when a member should recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest did not apply to this group as they would all have some sort of conflict. Mr. Jensen explained that in the broader sense that if they brought a view forward from a member of the community it may well result in them needing to step away and recuse themselves or then again it may be an issue where their connection is so in-direct that they could simply state it for clarity on the record and remain to vote. Mr. Brown asked if they recused themselves did that mean the alternate could then vote on the issue. Ms. Ross asked Mr. Jensen if he would look into this for them. Mr. Jensen said these were their Bylaws and could be worded however they chose. Ms. Ross asked the committee how they would like this to be worded.

Mr. Brown said he wanted to resolve the alternate issue first before moving forward. Mr. Wilson explained that according to the Bylaws if the primary member was absent then yes the alternate would take their place. Ms. Ross then went back to the original question which was does that alternate now have to vote as the primary member would have voted. The members said no.

Mr. McGehee then wanted to clarify that if they recused themselves, but remained present, then the alternate could not step in.

- Ms. Ross moved to H of the Bylaws that talked about Press Releases and asked if this meant they could not speak with the media. Mr. Jensen said this item was about having control regarding any statements or releases that they may want to put out as a committee. He cautioned the committee about going out saying things like I represent the committee and this is what our position is or this is our official statement, etc. He said any official statements from the committee needed to go through the Chairman and to the City Manager for approval; however as private citizens they were free to make comments.

Ms. Ross asked if there were a motion to accept the Bylaws as they were with the exception of the typos. Mr. Jensen asked if they could first clarify what the changes were for the record before moving forward. He then explained that the members could approve them with the below listed changes to be made and they would then be sent to the Chairman for final review, and then be sent to council and be taken care of at the next meeting.

1. Alternate member would not be required to vote in accordance with the primary member's position.
2. If someone recused themselves then an alternate would not fill in for them.

Ms. Ross asked if there were a motion to approve the clarification on the above two items. Mr. Shapiro made a motion to approve them. Mr. Silverman seconded it. Mr. Jensen suggested the committee make a motion to approve the Bylaws with the above mentioned clarifications to be submitted to City Council for their final approval saying that would eliminate them having to wait one more month to approve the Bylaws. Ms. Ross asked if that was the intent of Mr. Shapiro's motion. He said it was. She then asked if all were in favor. Mr. Silverman said he had seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Discussion and potential direction regarding selection of meeting dates, times, and location.

Ms. Ross suggested the meetings be held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and asked if everyone was in favor of that day and time. Mr. Clifton made the motion to approve it. The motion was seconded by a board member whose name I did not get. The motion passed.

Mr. Clifton then asked if the meetings would be one or two hours long. Ms. Ross said they would last until they were done, more than likely two hours. Ms. Ross said the next meeting would be Thursday, May 6 from 10:00 am to Noon, with a room to be decided at a later time.

Cmdr. McPartland reminded the Chairman that even though it was not stated in the Bylaws according to the original staff report they were to report back to council with their interim report no later than three months from the date of their first official meeting and then submit a final report on recommendation no later than six months from their first official meeting.

Ms. Ross explained to the members that they could not send e-mails to each other the way they did while on other committees, because this was a public committee and there were rules against it. Mr. Jensen added to that saying any discussion or passing of e-mails between five or more members could be considered a walking quorums and it would be best to discuss their business during the meetings and to keep it there.

Ms. Ross said as her first Agenda item she would like the members to present their goals and objectives for this committee at the next meeting, such as "Safe and Clean", so they could make their report in three months to the City Council. Ms. Ross asked the members to send those goals and objectives to the secretary for the Agenda.

Cmdr. McPartland asked the committee if next month the police could do a presentation with stats and the types of calls they received so the group could see the issues they were dealing with. This will be added to the Agenda.

Cmdr. McPartland then suggested they might set aside one meeting open to the public to allow for comments from residents, other business owners, etc. so they could hear from people other than those here around the table. Ms. Ross asked if he meant like a town hall meeting. Mr. Jensen said that would be handled through a Press Release and sent out through the City Manager if that's what they wanted to do. He said if they chose they could simply allow the public to speak beyond the three minutes they were allotted however, they would have to allow that amount of time for every member of the public who wanted to speak that day.

Mr. Shapiro suggested they all read up on the Alcohol Ordinances before the next meeting. Lt. Rulla said he would have the secretary e-mail them to the members.

There was a brief discussion about how the alternates could voice their suggestions, concerns and or comments. It was decided that they could speak as a member of the public during the public comment section or let their representative know their concern before the meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION

10:00 a.m. to Noon, May 6, 2010 at One East 1st Street, (New City Hall) 3rd floor City Attorney Conference Room Reno, NV 89501.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Cox informed the secretary that she would not be present at next months meeting.